



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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The Gospel – Strive to enter by the narrow door.

Legal and institutional questions are very attractive to some members of every religious and human community. Partly because they are necessary, but also because they offer a hidden escape from personal commitment. Do I make any excuses today, for delaying a personal commitment to Jesus?

ST JOSEPH'S SMA PARISH WILTON

Centering PRAYER

SAT 20TH SEPTEMBER
10.45AM TO 4.00PM

An opportunity for people to experience a method of prayer that is now becoming very important and popular in our world today



Activities on the day will include:

- A meditation on breath by Buddhist nun Kelsang Drolma
- Video presentation by Richard Rohr on Centering Prayer
- Opportunities for silent prayer
- Periods of quiet reflection
- Sit down meal for participants
- Freedom to walk in the quiet of our grounds

Please register in the Mass Office in advance of the event

Fee: €10



SMA Church & Parish Centre, Wilton



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Tax Back 2025

We thank our parishioners who are participating in our Tax Back 2025. New members who have joined our parish might not be conscious of the value of this program to our parish. All that is required is for a person to be paying tax and during the course of the year if your contributions to the church **exceeds €250, we can submit your name to revenue and the parish will receive €112** from the Government, **at no cost to yourself**. This is a very important source of income for parishes and is deeply appreciated. People who can join can speak with Fr. Michael or speak to the people in the Mass Office during the week.

Parish Charity for August – Aid to the Church in Need

During the month of August we will forward all charity donations to Aid to the Church in Need. As of this week we have collected €1,084. When we have collected a sufficient amount we will forward it again to Aid to the Church in Need. Donations can be placed in any of the charity boxes in the walls of the church.



Make Your Mark on Cancer

Thank you to all of those who supported our parish charity for July—Make Your Mark on Cancer.

Above is a picture of Fr Michael presenting a cheque of €2,000 to Eoin from Make Your Mark.

Season of Creation 2025

The Season of Creation 2025 will take place from **September 1 to October 4, 2025**. This year's theme is **"Peace with Creation,"** which emphasizes the need for harmony between humanity and the environment.

[The Season begins on World Day of Prayer for Creation and concludes on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi](#)

Nature as Our Spiritual Teacher

We have received two books of divine revelation – the book of scripture and the book of nature – the cathedral under the skies. Nature itself is God's first, oldest and clearest scripture. Creation itself is a sacred text through which the presence of God is revealed to us. God was known and praised in the natural world long before the advent of the written scriptures.



SMA Journal for August

In this month's chapter of the SMA Journal, we visit

Dromantine for the Annual SMA Summer Camps

run over five weeks in July & August. Next, we

visit the SMA Folklore Project in Wilton, and also

hear about the support of this Parish for the only Catholic

Church in Gaza. Finally we are introduced to a new SMA

publication called "The Evening of Life".



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry
to you all the day long.

GREETING

In the name of the Father Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and
blood:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us;

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose, grant your
people to love what you command and to
desire what you promise, that, amid the
uncertainties of this world, our hearts may
be fixed on that place where true gladness is
found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather
the nations of every language. They shall
come to witness my glory. I will give them
a sign and send some of their survivors to



TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The message of God's Kingdom is offered to people of every
race. However, only those who follow the path of Jesus will
enjoy the reward of God's Kingdom. 24th August 2025

the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech,
Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands
that have never heard of me or seen my glory.
They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As
an offering to the Lord they will bring all your
brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on
mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to
my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord,
like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels
to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them
I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 116

**R. Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the Good News.**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R)

2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R)

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in
which you are addressed as sons? My son,
when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it
lightly; but do not get discouraged when he
reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones
that he loves and he punishes all those that he
acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of
your training; God is treating you as his sons.
Has there ever been any son whose father did
not train him? Of course, any punishment is
most painful at the time, and far from pleasant;
but later, in those on whom it has been used,
it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold
up your limp arms and steady your trembling
knees and smooth out the path you tread; then
the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow
strong again.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the Way, the Truth and
the Life, says the Lord; no
one can come to the Father
except through me. Alleluia!**



GOSPEL Luke 13.22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Through towns and villages Jesus went
teaching, making his way to Jerusalem.
Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a
few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to
enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you,
many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and
locked the door, you may find yourself knocking
on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will
answer, "I do not know where you come from."
Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate
and drank in your company; you taught in our
streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where
you come from. Away from me, all you wicked
men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of
teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and
Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of
God, and yourselves turned outside. And men
from east and west, from north and south, will
come to take their places at the feast in the
kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first,
and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:
and by the Holy Spirit

was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and
was buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory



to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life, who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified, who has spoken through the
prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church. I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the world
to come. **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters,

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all his
holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a
people by adoption through the one
sacrifice offered once for all, bestow
graciously on us, we pray, the gifts
of unity and peace in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you
come again.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should
enter under my roof, but only say the
word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my
blood has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

